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CONSTITUTION FOR
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
SENATE

ARTICLE ONE -- MEMBERSHIP

Section One The President of the University, the Deans of Colleges, all full-time members of the faculty including instructors of two years standing, the Registrar, and the Bursar shall compose the University Senate. (See Amendment below)

ARTICLE TWO -- OFFICERS

Section One The President of the University shall be the Presiding Officer of the Senate.

Section Two A First and a Second Vice-President shall be elected by the Senate. In the absence of the President, one of these shall preside.

Section Three A secretary shall be elected by the Senate. A stenographer, not a member of the Senate, shall keep a full account of all discussions of the Senate.

Section Four The Vice-Presidents and the Secretary shall serve for one year.

ARTICLE THREE -- POWERS

Section One The Senate shall have jurisdiction over all matters involving general University policy and all matters affecting the faculty of students of more than one college or school, in so far as these are not reserved to the Regents.

ARTICLE FOUR -- MEETINGS

Section One The Senate shall hold regular monthly meetings, at a time to be determined by the Senate itself. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President.

Section Two The names of members, either present or absent, shall not be recorded in the minutes.

Section Three Two-thirds of the membership of the Senate shall constitute a quorum for business. (See Amendment below)

ARTICLE FIVE -- AMENDMENTS

Section One Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted to the University Senate, lie on the table for thirty (30) days, and, when approved by a two thirds vote of the Senate and by the Regents, shall become a part of the Constitution of the Senate.

ARTICLE SIX -- ADOPTION

Section One The Constitution shall be in full effect upon the approval of the Regents of the University.

January 14, 1936

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Amendment One

(Change Article Four, Section Three) One-half of the membership of the Senate shall constitute a quorum for business. Passed April 22, 1936.

Amendment Two

(Addition to Article One, Section One) All heads, or acting heads, of departments shall be members of the University Senate, regardless of rank, duration of service, or proportion of time devoted to University work. Passed November 22, 1936.
The Senate decided by vote to interpret the constitution wording (Amendment II) "all heads, or acting heads, of departments shall be members of the University Senate", to include the Extension Division as a department of the University. The head, or acting head, of the Extension Division is thus accorded Senate membership. (Passed October 14, 1940)
ARTICLE ONE - MEMBERSHIP

The President of the University, the Deans of Colleges, all full-time members of the faculty including instructors of two years standing, the Registrar, and the Bursar shall compose the University Senate.

Amendment passed November 23, 1956:
All heads, or acting heads, of departments shall be members of the University Senate, regardless of rank, duration of service, or proportion of time devoted to University work.

ARTICLE TWO - OFFICERS

The President of the University shall be the Presiding Officer of the Senate.

The Chairman of the University Senate shall be elected by the Senate at the first meeting of each academic year, to serve for one year. At the Senate meeting at which the Chairman is to be elected, the officers of the preceding year shall be in charge.

A First and a Second Vice-President shall be elected by the Senate. In the absence of the President, one of these shall preside.

A First and a Second Vice-Chairman shall be elected by the Senate at the beginning of the academic year to serve one academic year. In the absence of the Chairman, one of these shall preside.

A secretary shall be elected by the Senate. A stenographer, not a member of the Senate, shall keep a full account of all discussions of the Senate.

NO REVISION
ACTION FOUR

The Vice-Presidents and the secretary shall serve for one year.

ARTICLE THREE - POWERS

NO REVISION

ARTICLE FOUR - MEETINGS

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THE SENATE SHALL HOLD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS DURING EACH REGULAR SEMESTER, AT A TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SENATE ITSELF. SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY BE HELD AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE OR OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY.

ARTICLE FIVE - AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted to the University Senate, lie on the table for thirty (30) days, and, when approved by a two thirds vote of the Senate and by the Regents, shall become a part of the Constitution of the Senate.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE, LIE ON THE TABLE FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS, AND, WHEN APPROVED BY ONE HALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OR ACTIVE DUTY AND BY THE REGENTS, SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SENATE.

ARTICLE SIX - ADOPTION

Interpretation of Senate Constitution

The Senate decided by vote to interpret the constitution wording (amendment) "all heads, or acting heads, of departments shall be members of the University Senate", to include the Extension Division as a department of the University. The head, or acting head, of the Extension Division is thus accorded Senate membership. (Passed October 14, 1946)